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**OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR**

Action Memorandum No. A-314

Date 13 November 1963

TO : Deputy Director/Science and Technology

SUBJECT : Cooperation with the USSR on Outer Space Matters  
(NSAM No. 271)

REFERENCE:

Deputy Director/Science and Technology is responsible  
for keeping informed of the NASA program and, in turn, for  
keeping the DCI and appropriate Agency units informed.

(signed) Lyman B. Kirkpatrick

Lyman B. Kirkpatrick  
Executive Director

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
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November 12, 1963

NATIONAL SECURITY ACTION MEMORANDUM NO. 271

MEMORANDUM FOR

The Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space  
Administration

SUBJECT: Cooperation with the USSR on Outer Space Matters

I would like you to assume personally the initiative and central responsibility within the Government for the development of a program of substantive cooperation with the Soviet Union in the field of outer space, including the development of specific technical proposals. I assume that you will work closely with the Department of State and other agencies as appropriate.

These proposals should be developed with a view to their possible discussion with the Soviet Union as a direct outcome of my September 20 proposal for broader cooperation between the United States and the USSR in outer space, including cooperation in lunar landing programs. All proposals or suggestions originating within the Government relating to this general subject will be referred to you for your consideration and evaluation.

In addition to developing substantive proposals, I expect that you will assist the Secretary of State in exploring problems of procedure and timing connected with holding discussions with the Soviet Union and in proposing for my consideration the channels which would be most desirable from our point of view. In this connection the channel of contact developed

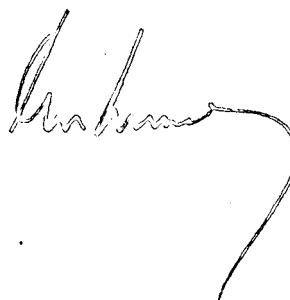
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by Dr. Dryden between NASA and the Soviet Academy of Sciences has been quite effective, and I believe that we should continue to utilize it as appropriate as a means of continuing the dialogue between the scientists of both countries.

I would like an interim report on the progress of our planning by December 15.

A handwritten signature, likely of a high-ranking official, is written in dark ink. The signature is stylized and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail that extends downwards and to the right.

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